



**Dear District 10 Residents and Friends,**

Happy New Year! After a wonderful month of holiday festivities, 2006 is finally upon us. Before we look to the future, it is important that we reflect on the past accomplishments of 2005 that each resident in Almaden Valley and Blossom Valley can celebrate. This January marks the beginning of my second year as your representative on the San Jose City Council and I am grateful for all the ceaseless support and insightful input I have received from so many of our District 10 community members. I am also tremendously pleased with the progress our District has made over the past year.

My office has strengthened communication with District 10 residents through a monthly newsletter, continued collaboration with local media, and our frequently updated District 10 website. I've also hosted a number of informative and successful District 10 forums, which I plan to continue with bold new topics in the coming year. I've worked to achieve a strong sense of fiscal responsibility, working within District 10 budget constraints and searching for new potential streams of revenue. Through my staff we have pushed to strengthen outreach to neighborhood groups, including the Hoffman/Via Monte which is part of the Strong Neighborhood initiative. In addition, I've awarded numerous commendations to local residents and groups and have worked to strengthen ties between the City and local schools in District 10.

In terms of personal statistics as a City Councilmember, I attended 37 Council meetings, which required about 37,000 pages of reading. I cast over 800 votes during the year and each one was carefully studied. Your input is extremely important to me, so please keep it coming. I also regularly attend committee meetings focused on topics such as education, emergency preparedness, and building strong neighborhoods.

While there are numerous accomplishments that were made in District 10, I would encourage you to read my End of the Year Report for District 10 on the D-10 website (<http://www.sanjoseca.gov/district10> ). This 11 page report provides some notable details about the goals that I accomplished in District 10 throughout 2005. It has been my pleasure to represent you and I hope this report reflects my high level of commitment to every resident of District 10.

My staff and I hope that each of you have a very happy and prosperous New Year. Our office is committed to making 2006 a productive, innovative and prosperous year for all residents in Blossom and Almaden Valleys. I look forward to working as a community to ensure that we move forward in the spirit of excellence which continues to define District 10.

Best wishes,  
**Nancy Pyle**  
**Councilmember, District Ten**

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**Nancy reading to students at Del Roble School**

## San Jose Announcements & Highlights

- **San Jose's Public Library Department** has received ongoing funding from the California State Library to implement Live Homework Help. This program allows students from 4<sup>th</sup> grade through 2<sup>nd</sup> year college access to real-time on-line tutoring services from 1 pm to 10 pm every day. Between September 1<sup>st</sup> and mid-October, 2005 the service was used by approximately 2,500 people.
- **San Jose schools** have improved their graduation rates by 4% since 2001, and a total of 10% since 1998. San Jose students completing the minimum requirements to attend University of California and the California State University systems have grown by 6% since 2001, and a total of 16% since 1998.
- **The rate of violent juvenile crime** in San Jose has declined 26% since 2001, and a total of 53% since 1994.
- **Mayor Ron Gonzales** will be giving his State of the City Address on Wednesday February 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. in the New City Hall Rotunda.

## District 10 Events for January

### District 10 Forum for January A closer look at the new Almaden Library & Community Center



Wednesday, January 18th at 7 pm  
@ the Almaden Winery Community Center  
( 5730 Chambertin Dr.)

Come join **Councilmember Pyle**, City Librarian **Jane Light**, Almaden Branch Manager **Pam Crider**, recreational superintendent **Marie Alberry-Hawkins**, and project manager **Don DeWald** as they educate residents about the new Almaden Library & Community Center facility. With its construction nearing completion, many residents of District 10 have expressed curiosity regarding the new Almaden Library & Community Center facility and its bold new amenities and features. Through this forum, Councilmember Pyle hopes to show District 10 residents a preview of the fantastic new facility that will be holding its grand opening on May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2006!

## City Wide Phone List

Call Center	535-3500
Police Non-Emergency	311
Anti-Graffiti/Litter	277-3208
Animal Care	501-2130
City Arborist	277-2762
Crime Prevention	277-4133
Crime Stoppers	947-STOP
Drug Hotline	971-DRUG
DOT	277-4304
Environmental Services	277-5533
Hazardous Materials	277-4659
Housing	277-5431
Neighborhood Development Center	392-6771
Parking Enforcement	277-5305
Vehicle Abatement	277-4477
Gang Hotline	293-4264

## Tours of City Hall

You can still tour the new City Hall facility **Monday – Friday with a self guided tour or a docent led tour on Tuesdays at noon.** Come and visit – we'd love to see you! Call 277-4000 for more information.

## D10 Recipe of the Month

### Baked Apples

6 apples  
raisins  
1 cup water  
1 cup brown sugar  
1/2 tsp cinnamon  
1/2 tsp nutmeg

Core the apples and peel the very top.

Fill the hole with raisins. In a small saucepan, heat the water, brown sugar, cinnamon, and nutmeg until boiling. Pour the sauce over the apples. Bake at 350 for one hour, basting now and then. If you'd like, serve with a bit of cream.



## Neighborhood Center

### COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP ACADEMY (CLA)

CLA classes will begin on Thursday, January 19. The Neighborhood Development Center has partnered with other organizations to provide these free classes, but they require you to register by contacting 408-723-4114 or via email [ndc@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:ndc@sanjoseca.gov).

<b>Promoting and Marketing Your Organization</b>	Thursday, January 19, 2006	6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	RFC - 180 N. First St., Suite 200
<b>The Business Side of a Neighborhood Association</b>	Thursday, January 26, 2006	6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	Kirk Community Center -1601 Foxworthy Ave., Room 4
<b>Community Café: Motivating Others</b>	Wednesday, February 1, 2006	6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	Kirk Community Center 1601 Foxworthy Room 4
<b>Community Grants Panel and Grant Writing 101</b>	Saturday, February 11, 2006	Time TBA – please call for details	Kirk Community Center -1601 Foxworthy Ave., Room 17

### COMMUNITY CAFÉ RECAP

The third quarterly Community Café was held on Thursday, November 3. The topic was Leadership Burnout, something all participants could relate to. The group discussed the causes of burnout that ranged from spreading ones self too thin to having to listen to people whine and complain but are unwilling to take action. Participants provided plenty of motivation in the form of solutions. Ideas include finding an ally within your organization (or even outside) to encourage you, another was to “Stop-Recap-Review,” and yet another was to create neighborhood alliances to host events together and to bring in more business sponsorships. The next Community Café will be held **Wednesday, February 1, 2006** and the focus will be “Motivating Others.”

### AWARDS AND GRANTS

**Disney Minnie Grants** - These \$500 grants are for youth (ages 5-14), or the teachers, schools and organizations that engage them to implement service projects on National & Global Youth Service Day, April 21-23, 2006. To learn more, please download an application and Frequently Asked Questions at <http://www.ysa.org/awards>. After reviewing the application and FAQ's, if you would like further information, please email: [MinnieGrant@ysa.org](mailto:MinnieGrant@ysa.org). **POSTMARK DEADLINE: January 13, 2006.**

**San José Beautiful Beautification Grant** – Provides between \$100-\$2000 in matching grant support to nonprofits, neighborhood associations, schools and other community organizations that wish to help foster community pride in San José through beautification or landscaping. **Applications are due on February 24, 2006 by 5:00 p.m.** For more information, view the San José Beautiful website at [www.sjbeautiful.org](http://www.sjbeautiful.org) or call 408-723-1574.



Nancy with Cub Scout Pack 229

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- **Community Investment Grants**: One-year general support grant awards of up to \$20,000 will be awarded to nonprofits working in one or more of the following areas: Arts and Cultural Participation, Education and Lifelong Learning, Civic Engagement, and Self-Reliant Individuals and Families. **The next grant application deadline is February 1, 2006.**
- **Organizational Effectiveness Grants**: Part of our commitment to the health of the nonprofit sector is to provide technical assistance grants of up to \$5,000 to help organizations move toward ever-increasing levels of excellence. **Applications for this program are accepted throughout the year.**
- **Neighborhood Grants Program**: This yearly program provides grants of up to \$5,000 and technical assistance to help resident-based groups conduct activities that improve neighborhood conditions or address issues important to their quality of life. **The grant deadline is March 31, 2006.**

### New Years Facts & Trivia

- In **Scotland**, the New Year is called Hogmanay. In the villages of Scotland, barrels of tar are set afire and then rolled down the streets. This ritual symbolizes that the old year is burned up and the new one is allowed to enter.
- On New Year's Day in **Japan**, everyone gets dressed in their new clothes and homes are decorated with pine branches and bamboo--symbols of long life.
- If you put a raisin in a fresh glass of champagne, it will rise and fall continuously. Find out why in next month's issue.

### And now for this month's trivia question:

*Months that begin on which day will always have a 'Friday the 13<sup>th</sup>'? (Hint- January 2006 is one of these months)*

- Answers to this and more can be found on the D10 website -

### City Council Meetings

The City Council convenes every Tuesday at 1:30 PM at **200 East Santa Clara Street**. On the first and third Tuesday of the month the Council meets at 7:00 PM for Public Hearings.

### Looking for even more news?

Have you visited the District 10 website lately? Keep up to date on the D10 news that's important to you at <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/district10/> !

### Community Calendar

Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2006: 9:45 AM-11:00 AM  
**Almaden Senior Association Monthly Meeting**  
Almaden Winery Community Center; 5370 Chambertin Drive

Monday, Jan. 9, 2006: 7:00 PM-8:30 PM  
**Almaden Valley Community Association (AVCA) meeting**  
Vineland Library; 1450 Blossom Hill Rd.

Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2006: 6:00 PM-7:30 PM  
**Hoffman/Via Monte Neighborhood Association Monthly Meeting**  
Almaden Hills United Methodist Church; 1200 Blossom Hill Road

Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2006: 7:30 PM-8:30 PM  
**Montevideo Homeowners Association Monthly Meeting**  
Corner of Coleman and Camden, in the clubhouse behind the pool

Thursday, Jan. 12, 2006: 7:00 PM-8:30 PM  
**Santa Teresa Foothills Neighborhood Association (STFNA) Monthly Meeting**  
Southside Community Center; 5585 Cottle Road

Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2006: 6:30 PM-8:30 PM  
**Hoffman/Via Monte Neighborhood Action Council (NAC) Monthly Meeting**  
Almaden Hills United Methodist Church; 1200 Blossom Hill Road

Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2006: 7:00 PM-8:00 PM  
**District 10 Forum – Almaden Community Center & Library**  
Almaden Winery Community Center; 5730 Chambertin Drive

Tuesday, Jan. 24, 2006: 7:30 PM  
**VEP General Meeting**  
Gunderson High School; 622 Gaundabert Lane

### Answer for last month's trivia question

**Q:** When will San Jose celebrate its 230<sup>th</sup> birthday?

**A:** In 2007, the same year that San Jose State University marks its 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary.